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Re:

Annual Certification of Eligible Telecommunication Carriers (ETCs) for Eligibility to Receive Federal High-Cost Fund

05-GF-135

Support

CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that state commissions must file an annual certification with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the FCC stating that all federal high-cost fund (HCF) support provided to carriers in their respective states will be used only for the intended purposes. Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin hereby certifies to the FCC and the USAC that the telecommunications carriers included in the attachment to this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

As in previous years, the Commission requested and received sworn affidavits from the carriers identified in the enclosed list. The list identifies the name and study area as identified by USAC. All Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) receiving or projected to receive HCF support in the first quarter of 2013 have submitted affidavits. In addition, ETCs receiving HCF support were requested to provide information regarding the amount of support and its use. All ETCs

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")

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that receive HCF support also provided information supporting the statements in their affidavits regarding their use of current and projected HCF support.

In its sworn affidavit, each carrier states, among other things:

- 4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, which requires states to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that all Federal High-Cost Support within this state be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.
- 5. Carrier hereby states that it is the authorized ETC that will actually use the Federal High Cost Support Funds received only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and rendition of services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, and that such uses are consistent with controlling orders of the FCC applicable to Carrier and with applicable precedent of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Relying on these sworn affidavits, and the additional information provided in support of those affidavits, the Commission certifies that all the federal HCF support funds received within Wisconsin by the Wisconsin ETCs listed on the attachment were used in the preceding calendar year (2011), are being used in the current calendar year (2012) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2013) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Jeff Richter, the PSCW's USF Director, at (608) 267-9624.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, September 26, 2012

For the Commission:

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Attachment

SAC	Study Area Name
339005	24-7 TELCOM, INC.
339020	AIRADIGM COMMUNICATIONS INC.
339017	ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
330842	AMERY TELCOM, INC.
330843	AMHERST TEL CO
330844	BADGER TELECOM, INC.
330846	BALDWIN TELECOM
339004	BAYLAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
330925	BAYLAND TEL CO
330847	BELMONT TEL CO
330848	BERGEN TEL CO
330849	BLACK EARTH TEL CO
330850	BLOOMER TEL CO
330851	BONDUEL TEL CO
339014	BROWN COUNTY MSA CELLULAR LTD. PARTNERSHIP
330855	BRUCE TEL CO, INC
330856	BURLINGTON B&W
330859	CENTRAL STATE TEL CO
330898	CENTURYTEL LARSEN
330913	CENTURYTEL MONROE
331159	CENTURYTEL-CENTRL WI
330877	CENTURYTEL-FAIRWATER
330884	CENTURYTEL-FORESTVIL
330924	CENTURYTEL-MW-KENDAL
330970	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI
330857	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI(CASCO)
330841	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI(CENCOM)
330934	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI(PLATTEVILLE)
330959	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI(THORP)
330922	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI/NW
330956	CENTURYTEL-NORTH WI
330950	CENTURYTEL-NW WI
330931	CENTURYTEL-SO WI
330895	CENTURYTEL-WISCONSIN
330860	CHEQUAMEGON COM COOP
330861	CHIBARDUN TEL COOP
330863	CITIZENS TEL COOP-WI
330865	CLEAR LAKE TEL CO-WI
330866	COCHRANE COOP TEL CO
330868	COON VALLEY FARMERS
339001	CTC TELCOM, INC.

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330872	CUBA CITY EXCHANGE
330875	DICKEYVILLE TEL CORP
330914	EASTCOAST TELECOM
330879	FARMERS INDEPENDENT
330880	FARMERS TEL CO - WI
330886	Frontier North, Inc.
330967	FRONTIER OF VIROQUA
330912	FRONTIER-MONDOVI
330944	FRONTIER-ST.CROIX
330964	FRONTIER-WISCONSIN
330930	GRANTLAND TELECOM
330889	HAGER TELECOM INC.
330892	HILLSBORO TEL CO
330936	INDIANHEAD TEL CO
330899	LA VALLE TEL COOP
339022	LAKEFIELD COMMUNICATIONS
330896	LAKEFIELD TEL CO
330900	LEMONWEIR VALLEY TEL
330902	LUCK TEL CO
330905	MANAWA TEL CO
330908	MARQUETTE-ADAMS COOP
330881	MID-PLAINS TEL CO
330909	MIDWAY TEL CO
339006	MIDWEST WIRELESS WISCONSIN, LLC
330910	MILLTOWN MUTUAL TEL
330915	MOSINEE TEL CO
330916	MOUNT HOREB TEL CO
330917	MT VERNON TEL CO
330918	NELSON TEL COOP
339920	NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (AT&T MOBILITY)
339922	NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS
339926	NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS
330920	NIAGARA TEL CO
330938	NORTHEAST TEL CO
339003	NORVADO
339015	NSIGHTTEL WIRELESS, LLC
330937	PRICE COUNTY TEL CO
330940	RHINELANDER-FRONTIER
330941	RHINELANDER-FRONTIER
330870	RHINELNDER-FRONTIER
330891	RHINELNDER-FRONTIER

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330942	RICHLAND-GRANT COOP
330943	RIVERSIDE TELECOM
330945	SCANDINAVIA TEL CO
339021	SAGE TELECOM
330952	SE TEL OF WISCONSIN
330946	SHARON TEL CO
330949	SIREN TEL CO, INC
330951	SOMERSET TEL CO
330953	SPRING VALLEY TEL CO
330955	STATE LONG DISTANCE
330954	STOCKBRIDGE & SHERWD
331155	TELEPHONE USA OF WI
330958	TENNEY TEL CO
339033	TERRACOM INC
330960	TRI-COUNTY COMM COOP
330962	UNION TEL CO
339007	UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION
330963	UTELCO, INC
339027	VERNON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
330966	VERNON TEL COOP
330971	W. WISCONSIN TELCOM
330968	WAUNAKEE TEL CO
339011	WAUSAU CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LP
339023	WI RSA #1 LIMITED PARTNERS
339024	WI RSA #7 LIMITED PARTNERS
335220	WISCONSIN BELL
339012	WISCONSIN RSA #10 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
339016	WISCONSIN RSA #3 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
339010	WISCONSIN RSA #4 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
330973	WITTENBERG TEL CO
341183	CITIZENS OF ILLINOIS
Unknown	MILLENNIUM 2000 INC
Unknown	NEIT WIRELESS LLC
Unknown	Q LINK WIRELESS LLC